

Perseverance Cryptograms — Set 23

6 puzzles · Standard print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: V = O

Easy · 95 letters

Z N W D V R F D W J A G X G

M V V Y - F G W D L A P X F ; G X I P

I P I Y P Q L W D L

T V R X W A N Z G X M D V

Y V V Q L I H V A D P J G J J

M D P Y L D L M G J Z V R X W L I

V X D P J O G T Q .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

2. Clue: H = T

Medium · 96 letters

F E Q C H O X R H F S H C O X R

P S T H E B K O X R

C S J O X E H O F E O X K V V A F H T

M E U U C O G K H C K J A F O U

T S N N A F H A V H C E T

B A S X H F I O U U A G K F H C K

M A F U R .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

3. Clue: O = N

Easy · 96 letters

Y R Z O C O A M , E Q M

E G Q O U R I C I A Q O U Z E A Q M

Z Y R Z O J O P ; Z O U L R

K L A C R B Q C M J Z O ' C C A

C Q E G J Y R G V E Z U , J M J C

O A M D A R M I V , E Q M D I A C R

I Q O Y Z U .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

4. Clue: R = O

Easy · 97 letters

Y W X A W A W V L R E V T Q B W C R
 R O A G R O E C A Z X E H C R
 C P W I B R A T R O V G X O V W R D
 V W B D - I R U W A E K W E C D R A
 C P W L A W V W A U X C T R E R D
 V R I A W X C X I R R H .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

5. Clue: O = T

Easy · 97 letters

M C R H N O T C Q R X O F W

S X Z X N X W F W B P I G N N C N

X F O D X N P W H F O Q A , M X O D

W F C W P P H T G O X W F

N O Q X Z X F J O W N C P H Q C

G S Z G F O G J C W Z C Q

G F W O D C Q .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

6. Clue: S = I

Easy · 98 letters

U Z W I N T W C S A C B L H , S H

U Z W Q A C F Y , Y A W I H A U

I W U Z S I B S H Y W S U Z W C

J A C L H V U Z S H E , A C

L E L S H I U L H V U Z S H E ;

Q Z L U S I C S E Z U Z W Q S F F

J A F F A Q .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters E T A O I N S H R D L U

Most common 1-letter words A I

Most common 2-letter words OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US AM

Most common 3-letter words THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE

Common double letters LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC

Common word endings -ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST

After an apostrophe T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "My thoughts ran a wool-gathering; and I did like the countryman who looked for his ass while he was mounted on his back."

— Miguel de Cervantes, 1615, *Don Quixote, Part II, Chap. LVII* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=R B=V C=J D=H E=Q F=G G=A H=F I=D J=S K=Z L=E M=W N=Y O=B P=I Q=K R=U S=P T=C U=X V=O W=T X=N Y=L Z=M

2. "Right and truth and justice and humanitarian efforts will have the moral support of this country all over the world."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1924, *State of the Union Address*

Cipher key: A=O B=C C=H D=Z E=I F=R G=V H=T I=Y J=M K=E L=X M=W N=P O=A P=J Q=G R=D S=U T=S U=L V=F W=K X=N Y=Q Z=B

3. "Means not, but blunders round about a meaning; And he whose fustian's so sublimely bad, It is not poetry, but prose run mad."

— Alexander Pope, 1735, *Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot, Prologue to the Satires. Line 186* (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)

Cipher key: A=O B=F C=S D=P E=B F=J G=L H=Z I=R J=I K=W L=H M=T N=X O=N P=G Q=U R=E S=K T=Q U=D V=Y W=C X=V Y=M Z=A

4. "We are responsible to our country and to the glorious cause of self-government for the preservation of so great a good."

— Andrew Jackson, 1829, *First Annual Message to Congress*

Cipher key: A=R B=L C=T D=F E=N F=X G=C H=D I=G J=Z K=M L=P M=Q N=J O=U P=H Q=B R=O S=K T=I U=V V=S W=E X=A Y=W Z=Y

5. "We must permit no division of classes in this country, with one occupation striving to secure advantage over another."

— Calvin Coolidge, 1924, *State of the Union Address*

Cipher key: A=Y B=F C=E D=H E=B F=N G=A H=U I=L J=G K=J L=K M=W N=S O=T P=C Q=R R=M S=D T=P U=Z V=X W=O X=I Y=Q Z=V

6. "The superior man, in the world, does not set his mind either for anything, or against anything; what is right he will follow."

— Confucius, 1861, *The Analects* (James Legge translation, 1861)

Cipher key: A=O B=M C=R D=X E=G F=L G=C H=N I=S J=F K=V L=A M=B N=U O=J P=Q Q=W R=K S=I T=P U=T V=Y W=E X=Z Y=D Z=H